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8. [REDACTED] LIAISON Spoke several times during the day with Frank Slatinshek and Bill Hogan, Chief Counsel and Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and then later in the afternoon while on the Hill, Hogan advised that Chairman Lucien Nedzi (D., Mich.) had agreed 99 percent with the proposed sale of the residual assets of Air America but was reserving the one percent until he had in hand GAO's written report. Chairman Nedzi gave us the go ahead to explain the matter to Chairman Jack Brooks, House Government Operations Committee. An appointment was set for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 3 November with the Chairman.

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9. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Called Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, regarding the McGovern amendment, #959 to H.R. 9005, and said that it would appear to be in the best interest of the United States as a whole that the McGovern amendment not be pushed and he agreed that it would not hurt to see Senator McGovern on this either directly or raise this point with him indirectly with another Senator. Although there is nothing to stop a member of Congress from introducing such proposals, I argued the fact that these things are reported to six committees of Congress and assures a fairly broad cross section and that every effort should be made to channel reactions privately back to the Executive Branch rather than publicly in amendments such as this.

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LIAISON Spoke with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DD/NSA, and provided some suggestions with respect to dealing with a particular Subcommittee.

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[REDACTED] LIAISON Alan Romberg, in the office of Representative David Obey (D., Wis.), called concerning the request for the Middle East briefing for Representative Obey and several other Congressmen and asked that there be included in it some assessment

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[REDACTED] and the dynamics of the pressure on it [REDACTED] as a result of congressional action on the Foreign Assistance bill, e.g., if the total amount recommended by the Administration was not approved, etc.

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